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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Assistant to the Vice President
The Capitol

The Director thought the
Vice President might be interested
in reading the attached information

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Executive Officer

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